

And Dennis from Downingtown had to sell his car because he could no longer afford the high financial burden on top of other expenses.

Our communities deserve support in facing these challenges, and it is vital that we do everything that we can to confront them. I helped establish an Inflation Working Group to find policy solutions to lower costs for Americans, reinforce supply chains, and fight inflationary pressures. Simply put, we must use every tool in our toolbox to support our families.

We live in an increasingly globalized world, which is why I, along with a bipartisan group of my colleagues, traveled to Australia and India to speak with our international partners about cooperation on trade, investments, and shoring up our supply chains.

I promise to continue to make this issue a priority, working with all of my colleagues to find substantive solutions for my constituents and for all Americans.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

S. 895. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from gross income for mandatory restitution or civil damages as recompense for trafficking in persons.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 36. Concurrent Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Ulysses S. Grant in commemoration of his 200th Birthday.

#### RECOGNIZING JEFFERSON COUNTY CIDERWORKS

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of a small business in Iowa's Second District.

Jefferson County Ciderworks of Fairfield recently won four awards at the annual New York International Cider Competition. This competition featured over 300 different ciders from around the world and was judged by industry professionals.

Jefferson County Ciderworks finished the competition with four medals, including being named the Iowa Cider Producer of the Year. Four additional ciders were awarded medals in the modern, fruit, and spiced cider categories.

I applaud Jefferson County Ciderworks for proudly representing Iowa on the international stage and wish them the best in the Great Lakes International Cider and Perry competition later this year.

#### HONORING THE WEATHER CHANNEL'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mrs. MCBATH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago, live from Atlanta, Georgia, households across America were introduced to The Weather Channel. For the first time, Americans could get safe, reliable, trustworthy information about the weather 24 hours a day.

Since its first broadcast, The Weather Channel has done far more than just provide up-to-date information about weather forecasts. With the help of friendly, familiar faces, The Weather Channel's reporting has inspired countless young people to wonder and care about the natural world around them, motivating them to study weather and our climate. And through their constant innovation, The Weather Channel's award-winning breakthroughs in weather reporting have undoubtedly saved countless American lives.

I am proud to lead a House Resolution with my colleague from Georgia, Congressman LOUDERMILK, to commemorate the anniversary; and I wish The Weather Channel continued success as they document and broadcast vital weather and safety information to millions of households across the country.

#### WASHINGTON DEMOCRATS NEED TO GET SERIOUS

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, in Fiscal Year 2021, Customs and Border Patrol seized 11,000 pounds of fentanyl at our southern border. During the same period, opioid deaths jumped to 75,000, up from 56,000 deaths the prior year.

This is no coincidence. Even in a hearing on combating the opioid crisis this week, not a single one of my Democratic colleagues called for President Biden to end his open border policies that have allowed the free flow of fentanyl or other illicit drugs into the United States.

During the hearing, the former Acting DEA Administrator testified that securing the border is a commonsense approach to stopping drug traffickers and giving power back to our law enforcement.

On one hand, Washington Democrats say they want to solve the opioid crisis. On the other hand, they are supporting policies and politicians that have left our border open.

Washington Democrats need to get serious. If we want to solve this opioid crisis, we must secure the border and restore law and order.

#### MARKING BIRTHDAY OF THE 11TH PANCHEN LAMA

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, this week, we mark the 33rd birthday of Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, the 11th Panchen Lama. Born in central Tibet, at the age of six he was recognized by His Holiness the Dalai Lama as the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama, one of the most important figures in the Gelug School of Tibetan Buddhism, and a senior figure across all of Tibet.

In May of 1995, just 3 days after he was recognized, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima and his family were taken away by the Chinese Government. Disappeared. Kidnapped.

For 27 years, Tibetan Buddhists have asked of his well-being. For 27 years, Chinese authorities have refused to provide proof of life. The most they have said is that he is well and wants to be left alone.

Tibetans deserve an answer. The world deserves to know.

Gedhun Choekyi Nyima remains one of the world's longest-held prisoners of conscience.

His enforced disappearance is an egregious example of the Chinese Government's violation of the religious freedom of Tibetan Buddhists, who have the right to choose their own religious leaders, including the Dalai Lama, without government interference.

In honor of his birthday, I again call on the Chinese Government to free the true Panchen Lama immediately and to uphold its international obligation to respect the religious freedom of all persons.

#### WELCOMING GEORGIAN PRESIDENT ZOURABICHVILI

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, Washington welcomed President Salome Zourabichvili, of the Republic of Georgia, who had come to attend the funeral of former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

During an interview with The Washington Post, President Zourabichvili explained that, along with Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova were the two countries closest to Russia wanting to join NATO and the European Union, but not protected by either. "Georgia should not be forgotten" and if so, they might be a temptation for the Russian leadership.

President Zourabichvili reviewed that Georgia also had a history of war with Russia, most recently in 2008, as well as 1991, shortly after declaring independence.

It is reassuring, the President said, the Georgian population is 100 percent united in solidarity with the people of Ukraine. Americans are also united for the independence of Georgia, Moldova, led by President Maia Sandu, and Ukraine.

America supports the sovereignty of Georgia and will stand with President Zourabichvili for the freedom of Georgia.

God bless Ukraine. God save Ukraine. Long live President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 107TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 107th anniversary of the Armenian genocide.

On April 24, 1915, the Ottoman Empire embarked on a genocidal campaign to wipe out more than 1.5 million innocent Armenians. For too long, the world denied the Armenians' plight. But thankfully, leaders like President Biden and this House of Representative have recognized the Armenian genocide for the tragedy that we all know to be true.

My home State of Rhode Island boasts one of the largest Armenian communities in the country, and I have been proud to represent them for the last 22 years.

Yet, as Winston Churchill famously said, "Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it."

Mr. Speaker, another genocide is unfolding before our eyes in Ukraine. The scenes from Bucha, Mariupol, and the villages across the country are heart-breaking and haunting. But like the Armenian people, Ukrainians are strong, and they have shown their unmatched bravery to the world.

I strongly reiterate my harsh condemnation of Vladimir Putin's war crimes. We must do all that we can to support the Ukrainian people in their battle for freedom. The consequences of failure are far too dreadful to imagine.

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#### ADMINISTRATION MUST SECURE BORDER

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, every day, we see more and more illegal crossings at the southern border. March was the worst month yet, with over 221,000 migrant encounters.

Instead of securing our border and empowering law enforcement, this administration continues to make this crisis worse every day.

I am a proud immigrant and first-generation American. I came here legally. There are 4.4 million people waiting their turn to legally come to the greatest country in the whole world. Meanwhile, this administration continues to allow millions of illegal migrants to take advantage of our weak border policies.

We are a nation of laws, and enough is enough. The administration must stop the flow of drugs and crime into our country and secure the border to protect our citizens.

#### CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the city of River Rouge, Michigan, as they celebrate a 100-year anniversary.

Established as a city on April 3, 1922, River Rouge is a rich part of Michigan's history. It is situated between the Detroit and Rouge Rivers. The city of River Rouge has been the heart of Michigan's industrial and manufacturing history.

Nearly 8,000 residents strong, the city of River Rouge takes pride in its role as being an integral part of Michigan's economy. They are the jewel of Michigan's downriver communities.

It continues to thrive as a diverse, vibrant, and welcoming community that I truly love.

Its public parks and access to river recreation offer unique opportunities for enjoying nature and spotting wildlife along the riverfronts.

Please join me in recognizing the city of River Rouge as we join them in celebrating its 100-year anniversary.

Again, I am beyond proud of serving this beautiful city of River Rouge and its residents in Michigan's 13th District Strong.

#### HONORING THE SULLIVAN BROTHERS

(Mrs. HINSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. HINSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the five Sullivan brothers of Waterloo, Iowa, as well as those who are working to preserve their legacy by saving the USS *The Sullivans*.

On January 3, 1942, a month after the bombing at Pearl Harbor, George, Frank, Joe, Matt, and Al Sullivan of Waterloo, Iowa, enlisted in the Navy.

At the time, Navy policy separated brothers, but they enlisted under the condition that they could serve their country together, and they did until November of that year when a Japanese torpedo sunk their ship, the USS *Juneau*.

Nearly all the sailors aboard the USS *Juneau* died, including all five of the Sullivan brothers.

The Sullivans weren't just heroes in Iowa; their story was told nationwide. In 1943, less than 3 months after their passing, a Fletcher-class destroyer was named in their honor. The ship's motto is "We Stick Together," a permanent symbol of the Sullivan brothers' commitment to each other and our country.

But earlier this month, a leaky hull caused the ship to start sinking at its berth in the Buffalo Naval Park. So, Mr. Speaker, I am rising today to thank those who are working to refloat and repair the ship to ensure that the Sullivan brothers' legacy continues. Their service and sacrifice are emblematic of the shared experience and patriotism of those in the Greatest Generation.

Freedom is fragile. We know that we must always honor those like the Sullivan brothers of Waterloo who fought and died for our freedoms and for our country.

#### HONORING CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE WINNERS

(Ms. WEXTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, Congresswoman KIM, to honor the winners and participants of 2021's Congressional App Challenge.

Since the competition's inception in 2013, this official initiative has given middle and high school students from across the country the ability to participate in a program designed to inspire them to pursue computer coding and careers in STEM.

Congresswoman KIM and I have had the privilege of shepherding this year's initiative, which yielded more than 2,100 fully functioning apps from over 7,000 students across the country.

Mr. Speaker, 340 of our fellow Members held challenges in districts spanning all 50 States, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington, D.C.

As excited as we are about this year's participation in the challenge in terms of sheer numbers, the program would not be possible without the students who invest their time and efforts into their passion projects.

Congresswoman KIM and I are honored to co-chair this effort and offer our remarks here today as a testament to the dedication of these students who embody the future of American ingenuity.

To all the winners of this year's competition, we offer our sincere gratitude and congratulations on your work.

#### CONGRATULATING CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE STUDENTS

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the participants and winners of the 2021 Congressional App Challenge. This is the largest App Challenge to date.

The App Challenge gives students of all backgrounds and from communities across the Nation the opportunity to move from passive consumers of technology to active creators of technology.